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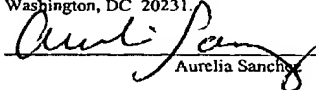
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MEDIATION METHOD

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Prior to examination, please enter the following amendments.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the following claims as follows:

4. A gift mediation system in accordance with claim 1, said gift mediation system further comprising:

address registry means that registers an address of the giver who desires to give the gift;
and

notification means that notifies the address registered by said address registry means of the password and information on a procedure of gaining access to said data storage means, on completion of the registry by said wish list registry means.

5. A gift mediation system in accordance with claim 1, wherein said wish list registry means comprises:

item information storage means that individually stores information on a plurality of items;

item selection means that causes at least one item to be selected among the plurality of items stored in said item information storage means; and

enumerative display means that displays the wish list of the at least one item selected by said item selection means in an enumerative manner.

7. A gift mediation system in accordance with claim 5, wherein said item information storage means stores at least information on a price of each item and a photographic image representing appearance of each item, and

said enumerative display means displays the photographic image of the appearance of each item in a magnifiable manner.

8. A gift mediation system in accordance with claim 1, wherein said wish list registry means comprises:

item information acquisition means that obtains information on items from another data storage means, which is present on the network, together with information for identifying said another data storage means; and

enumerative display means that extracts at least information on a price of each item and the information for identifying said another data storage means among the information on the items obtained by said item information acquisition means, and displays the extracted information in an enumerative manner.

9. A gift mediation system in accordance with claim 5, wherein said enumerative display means comprises means that displays a 'Delete' button to instruct deletion of a specified item from the registered wish list.

10. A gift mediation system in accordance with claim 1, said gift mediation system further comprising:

display means that displays the wish list of the at least one item registered by said wish list registry means in an enumerative manner, in response to access using the password;

application means that individually accepts an offer of payment for each item included in the displayed wish list; and

offer record display means that displays an offer record of the item for which the payment has been offered.

12. A gift mediation system in accordance with claim 10, said gift mediation system further comprising:

payment demand means that requires a giver who has offered the payment to actually pay for the item for which the payment has been offered.

13. A gift mediation system in accordance with claim 10, said gift mediation system further comprising:

detailed information display means that displays the wish list of the at least one item registered by said wish list registry means in an enumerative manner, as well as information for authenticating the giver who has offered the payment with regard to the item for which the payment has been offered, in response to the access via the network authorized by said permission means.

14. A gift mediation system in accordance with claim 10, said gift mediation system further comprising:

due time memory means that stores a due time of access to said data storage means;

due time detection means that detects elapse of the due time; and

notification means that notifies a registrant who has registered the wish list of information on the item for which the payment has been offered, in response to the detection of the elapse of the due time.

20. A gift mediation system in accordance with claim 17, wherein said data storage means stores in advance information on items as the predetermined data,

said item information acquisition means obtains both the information on the items stored in advance in said data storage means and the information on the items stored in said another data storage means, and

said wish list registry means registers both the information obtained by said item information acquisition means on a common list in said data storage means.

22. A gift mediation system in accordance with claim 18, said gift mediation system further comprising:

settlement means that settles an account of each item included in the wish list, whose information is registered by said wish list registry means, between said server managing said data storage means and another server managing said another data storage means via the network.


PLEASE ADD THE FOLLOWING NEW CLAIM

26. A gift mediation system in accordance with claim 8, wherein said enumerative display means comprises means that displays a 'Delete' button to instruct deletion of a specified item from the registered wish list.

Should the Examiner have any questions regarding this Preliminary Amendment, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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4. A gift mediation system in accordance with [any one of] claim[s] 1 [through 3], said gift mediation system further comprising:

address registry means that registers an address of the giver who desires to give the gift; and

notification means that notifies the address registered by said address registry means of the password and information on a procedure of gaining access to said data storage means, on completion of the registry by said wish list registry means.

5. A gift mediation system in accordance with [any one of] claim[s] 1 [through 4], wherein said wish list registry means comprises:

item information storage means that individually stores information on a plurality of items;

item selection means that causes at least one item to be selected among the plurality of items stored in said item information storage means; and

enumerative display means that displays the wish list of the at least one item selected by said item selection means in an enumerative manner.

7. A gift mediation system in accordance with [either one of] claim[s] 5 [and 6], wherein said item information storage means stores at least information on a price of each item and a photographic image representing appearance of each item, and

said enumerative display means displays the photographic image of the appearance of each item in a magnifiable manner.

8. A gift mediation system in accordance with [any one of] claim[s] 1 [through 4], wherein said wish list registry means comprises:

item information acquisition means that obtains information on items from another data storage means, which is present on the network, together with information for identifying said another data storage means; and

enumerative display means that extracts at least information on a price of each item and the information for identifying said another data storage means among the information on the

items obtained by said item information acquisition means, and displays the extracted information in an enumerative manner.

9. A gift mediation system in accordance with [either one of] claim[s] 5 [and 8], wherein said enumerative display means comprises means that displays a 'Delete' button to instruct deletion of a specified item from the registered wish list.

10. A gift mediation system in accordance with [any one of] claim[s] 1 [through 9], said gift mediation system further comprising:

display means that displays the wish list of the at least one item registered by said wish list registry means in an enumerative manner, in response to access using the password;

application means that individually accepts an offer of payment for each item included in the displayed wish list; and

offer record display means that displays an offer record of the item for which the payment has been offered.

12. A gift mediation system in accordance with [either one of] claim[s] 10 [and 11], said gift mediation system further comprising:

payment demand means that requires a giver who has offered the payment to actually pay for the item for which the payment has been offered.

13. A gift mediation system in accordance with [any one of] claim[s] 10 [through 12], said gift mediation system further comprising:

detailed information display means that displays the wish list of the at least one item registered by said wish list registry means in an enumerative manner, as well as information for authenticating the giver who has offered the payment with regard to the item for which the payment has been offered, in response to the access via the network authorized by said permission means.

14. A gift mediation system in accordance with [any one of] claim[s] 10 [through 13], said gift mediation system further comprising:

due time memory means that stores a due time of access to said data storage means;

due time detection means that detects elapse of the due time; and

notification means that notifies a registrant who has registered the wish list of information on the item for which the payment has been offered, in response to the detection of the elapse of the due time.

20. A gift mediation system in accordance with [either one of] claim[s 18 and 19] 17, wherein said data storage means stores in advance information on items as the predetermined data,

said item information acquisition means obtains both the information on the items stored in advance in said data storage means and the information on the items stored in said another data storage means, and

said wish list registry means registers both the information obtained by said item information acquisition means on a common list in said data storage means.

22. A gift mediation system in accordance with [any one of] claim[s] 18 [through 21], said gift mediation system further comprising:

settlement means that settles an account of each item included in the wish list, whose information is registered by said wish list registry means, between said server managing said data storage means and another server managing said another data storage means via the network.